

South Dakota Board of Education Minutes
July 25, 2011
MacKay Building, 800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present:

Richard Gowen, Don Kirkegaard, Patricia Simmons, Glenna Fouberg, Terry Sabers, Stacy Phelps, Julie Mathiesen, Kelly Duncan, Marilyn Hoyt

1.0 Adoption of July 25, 2011 Agenda

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the agenda.

Conclusion: The motion carried

2.0 Approval of May 16, 2011 Minutes

Board member Duncan asked that the minutes of the May 16, 2011 reflect that she and Marilyn Hoyt were in attendance.

Motion: Motion by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to approve the minutes with requested change.

Conclusion: The motion carried

3.0 SD MyLife Network

Tiffany Sanderson, DOE, stated that SDMyLife offers resources for career and academic planning within the Department's Career Development programming. The information provided outlined the major activities and results from school year 2010-11 and detailed the goals and new features for school year 2011-12. (A hard copy of this information is filed in the Secretary of Education office and a copy on the website.)

4.0 Technical Institute's State-wide Facility Updates

Mark Wilson, DOE, shared the bonding timeline for Mitchell Technical Institute's progress on Phase 1 and Phase 2. (A hard copy of this information is filed in the Secretary of Education office and there is a copy on the website.)

5.0 New Program – Southeast Technical Institute

Jeff Holcomb, SETI president, shared information with the board about the proposed new nursing program. The new program offers an opportunity to obtain an associate in applied science degree in Registered Nursing. Currently, SETI offers a diploma program in Licensed Practical Nursing, and many of the graduates of that program go on to obtain their RN certification elsewhere. The cost to add the RN option at the technical institute will be minimal due to the already robust LPN program. Should the board approve the new program today the new RN program will begin in spring 2012.

Motion: Motion by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Richard Gowen to approve the new RN program at SETI.

Conclusion: The motion carried

6.0 Personal Finance Standards

Becky Nelson, DOE, stated that the South Dakota Board of Education adopted Personal Finance standards in 2005 and in November 2010 adopted the standards revision timeline that indicate Personal Finance standards will be reviewed in Summer of 2011.

Students graduating in spring of 2010 were the first students required to take Personal Finance or economics. After implementing Personal Finance standards for several years, during the 2010-11 school year the state brought together a committee of teachers to review and revise the current Personal Finance standards. Revisions were made and sent out to teachers of Personal Finance to review and validate. The committee also disaggregated the standards which will provide teachers of Personal Finance a deeper understanding and guide for implementation.

Motion: Motion by Richard Gowen and seconded by Terry Sabers to approve the Personal Finance Standards.

Conclusion: The motion carried

7.0 Library Standards

Daria Bossman and Joan Upell, DOE, presented the Revised School Library Standards and Guidelines. A state-wide task force revised in 2010, adopted by the SD State Library Board in January 2011, endorsed by the SD Library Association in January 2011. (A hard copy is filed in the Secretary of Education office and is available on the DOE website.)

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Kelly Duncan to adopt the Revised School Library Standards and Guidelines.

Conclusion: The motion carried

8.0 World Language Standards

Becky Nelson, DOE, stated that the State Department of Education partnered with SD World Language Association to review the current SD World Language standards in 2008-2009 school year. After review of the new national standards the committee recommended that the state adopt the national standards developed by a coalition of national language organizations.

The World Language standards were brought before the Board of Education during May of 2011 to be adopted. The State Board of Education requested the State partner with teachers of Lakota Language to gain feedback.

The state utilized the personnel record form system to gather names of teachers of Lakota Language, e-mail addresses and home addresses. A letter and the standards were mailed to the 17 teachers that were reported as teaching Lakota Language in 2010-2011 school year. Two teachers of Lakota Language responded to the e-mail and supported the standards.

Motion: Motion by Marilyn Hoyt and seconded by Julie Mathiesen to adopt the World Language Standards.

Conclusion: The motion carried

9.0 Common Core Update

Becky Nelson, DOE, shared with the board an update on the progress of the Common Core progress. Common Core State Standards were adopted in Nov. 2010. The state brought together a committee of curriculum directors, administrators, and ESA staff to put together a professional development plan. The state has contracted with 17 trainers/online facilitators to plan and carry out the professional development workshop series. The state is hosting a pilot group this summer to gain feedback from participants before rolling out the fall/winter workshops starting in October of 2011.

10.0 Board of Regents Update

Sam Gingerich, System Vice President for Academic Affairs for the Board of Regents, provided an update on a set of university initiatives. These included the follow:

- 1) Common Core Standards, an area where the universities have two initiatives. First, reps from the campuses have been invited to participate in the training delivered by the department to insure that the teacher prep programs are preparing students to teach within a common core framework. Second, the universities are interested in the assessments being developed since these will tie to college readiness.
- 2) The regents' office was just notified that the application submitted to the College Completion Innovation Fund was not selected as one to be awarded. Regardless, the system is committed to working with department staff and with reps from the Technical Institutes to implement programs that will insure students graduating from high school are prepared for postsecondary options and that they can earn a certificate/degree. A question was asked about steps that could be taken to allow high school students to pay a reduced tuition if they enroll in college courses. Sam mentioned the options with dual credit, AP and CLEP, all of which lead to the award of credit at significantly reduced rates. He stressed that if discussions could focus on awarding credit based on competency rather than on seat time, more low cost options exist.

11.0 Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards Project

Governor Daugaard addressed the group and asked that the board look upon the project of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards project favorably. Roger Campbell, DOE, shared that the 2007 Indian Education Act mandated the development of course content for curriculum and coursework in South Dakota American Indian history and culture.

Motion: Motion by Kelly Duncan and seconded by Glenna Fouberg to adopt the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards Project as presented

Conclusion: The motion carried

12.0 Public Hearing to approve Teacher Standards: 24:08:06

Melody Schopp, DOE, shared that as per 13-42-33 the Board of Education is required to promulgate rules specific to the adoption of performance standards. The Teacher Standards and Evaluation Committee has recommended the Charlotte Danielson Framework for teaching.

Motion: Motion by Julie Mathiesen and seconded by Kelly Duncan to adopt the Charlotte Danielson Framework for teaching.

Conclusion: The motion carried

13.0 Public Hearing School Bus Standards ARSD 24:06:07

Melody Schopp, DOE stated that the standards for buses are guided by National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures. This was updated to the 2010 guidelines. Current rules are outdated and refer to the 2005 standards. A list of changes were provided for the board to look over and ask questions about.

Motion: Motion by Richard Gowen and seconded by Marilyn Hoyt to adopt the proposed changes and updates presented.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

14.0 Praxis Score Approval

Deb Barnett, DOE, presented information to the board regarding Praxis II tests. Several Praxis II tests have been regenerated and require board approval of recommended passing or cut scores. Additionally, there are two new tests that also need passing score approval. Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood, 157; Principles of Learning and Teaching: K-6, 160; Principles of Learning and Teaching: 5-9, 160; Principles of Learning and Teaching: 7-12, 157; Art Content Knowledge: 151; Teaching Reading: 154; and Technology Education: 154.

Motion: Motion by Glenna Fouberg and seconded by Patricia Simmons to adopt the recommended passing scores.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

15.0 Graduation Requirements & Economics

Becky Nelson, DOE shared that the State Board of Education adopted new graduation requirements November 2009 which includes three credits of social studies including geography, American history, government and a half credit of social studies elective. The graduation requirements also included Personal Finance or economics. At the board meeting on January 5, 2010 discussion took place regarding allowing students to utilize economics to meet both the social studies elective and personal finance, economics requirement. An agreement was made that an economics course could meet both requirements.

During 2010 legislative session, a statute 13-55-31.1 was passed that outlines coursework needed to qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship. There is a discrepancy between the practice of allowing economics to meet both requirements for graduation and the Opportunity Scholarship which does not allow for economics to be used for personal finance/economics and social studies.

It is recommended that the board not allow for the practice of economics ½ credit be used to meet both the social studies elective and personal finance/economics graduation requirement.

Motion: Motion by Patricia Simmons and seconded by Terry Sabers to adopt the recommendation stated above.

Conclusion: The motion carried.

18.0 Secretary of Education Update

Melody Schopp, DOE, updated the board on a number of subjects including:

AYP release and struggles with the data and vendor;

Freezing AMO's for the year;

Task of approving school bus routes falling under the Secretary of Education duties;

Innovation Labs;

Regulatory Reform requested by Governor Daugaard to Reduce, Simplify and Clarify;

Strategic planning being done by the South Dakota, Department of Education.

Next meeting will be held September 27, 2011 at the AmericInn. It will be held on the Tuesday after the Indian Education Summit.

November meeting is tentatively planned for November, 21, 2011 in Mitchell at Mitchell Technical Institute. The board discussed the possibility of perhaps having a DDN session if the agenda was purely informational and didn't include action items.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.